

Claims:

1. A method of contracting services, comprising:
creating an equity pool with a plurality of equity interests in one or more companies;
compensating an associate who has completed at least one milestone of a project with a portion of the equity pool.
2. A method of contracting services for a project, comprising:
parsing the project into project tasks;
soliciting bids on at least one of the project tasks;
awarding at least one of the project tasks to at least one associate based on a received bid from the at least one associate;
assessing the at least one associate's performance of the at least one project task; and
compensating the at least one associate based on the assessment and/or the received bid.
3. The method according to claim 2,
said compensating including awarding value points and/or equity points.
4. The method according to claim 3, further comprising:
redeeming the value points for cash, merchandise, one or more products, training, services, and/or prizes.
5. The method according to claim 3, further comprising:
creating an equity pool with a plurality of equity interests in one or more companies requesting project task completion.
redeeming the equity points for a share of the equity pool.
6. The method according to claim 3,
wherein the equity points are associated with a partial interest in an equity pool,
the method further comprising:
creating the equity pool with a plurality of equity interests in one or more companies requesting project task completion.
7. The method according to claim 2, further comprising:
integrating a plurality of the project tasks into at least a partially completed project
8. The method according to claim 7, further comprising:
said integrating step triggering a requirement to pay the least one associate for the at least partially completed project.
9. The method according to claim 3, further comprising:
rating each of the associate's performance.
10. The method according to claim 9, further comprising:
said awarding step awarding at least one future project task to the associate based on said rating step.
11. The method according to claim 9, further comprising:
increasing future task compensation by a bonus amount and/or a basic rate multiplier factor based on said rating step.

12. The method according to claim 2, wherein a plurality of associates attempt performance of the project task.,
said assessing including a time of completion of each associate and/or a quality assurance score.

13. A method of granting a sweat equity security, comprising:
creating an equity pool including a plurality of equity interests in one or more companies each of which has an associated project or project task;
receiving a service from at least one contributor that contributes to completion of at least a portion of one of the project tasks or projects;
awarding at least a portion of the equity pool based on at least partial completion of at least one of the project tasks or projects.

14. The method according to claim 13, further comprising:
evaluating the service received from the at least one contributor,
said awarding being at least partially based on said evaluation.

~~15~~ 16. A security instrument, comprising:
an equity pool including a plurality of equity interests in one or more companies each of which has an associated project or project task; and
a security interest in the equity pool awarded based on at least partial completion of at least a portion of one of the project tasks or projects.